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FRYE SEEKS HALT TO SELL-OFF OF CITY ASSETS

Asks Again for Special Council Session

San Diego, CA -- Councilwoman Donna Frye today asked the Mayor, City Council, City Manager and City Attorney to stop all pending sales of City property and other public assets until a court determines the legality of the pension benefits, and a new Mayor is elected.

"What's the rush to complete all of these deals?" Frye asked. "Surely the Mayor can wait for a couple of months before attempting to sell off our assets."

Specifically referring to new land projects surrounding Petco Park and possible city land sales negotiated in closed-door sessions, Frye commented, "Enough with all the secrecy. We need to tell the people the truth and stop the business as usual."

"It is not proper for a 60-day Mayor to negotiate deals that will obligate this City for decades to come. If this continues, the new Mayor will inherit a financial shell of a City. It is time to listen to our better angels and put the City first."

Though rebuffed by Mayor Murphy in her attempt to call a special Saturday session of the City Council to deal with the looming pension crisis, Frye remained undeterred.

"I will try to get four votes from my Council colleagues to require a special council session to resolve in court the legality of the pension benefits. It is time for the Council to take the lead in solving the City's problems. We do not need any more debate, legal opinions, or costly delays. If the Mayor won't lead, the Council must," Frye said.

"Mayor Murphy's inaction in this matter is unacceptable. Business as usual will not fix our problems. Murphy has run the ship of state aground on a sand barge of fantasy, all the while insisting that he is on top of things. The taxpayers, by contrast, feel that they are being fleeced on the Mayor's way out the door."

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